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In re application of :
Bernard Dieny : DECISION ON
Serial No. 09/961,255 : PETITION
Filed: September 25, 2001 :
For: Spin Valve Device with Spin-Dependent, :
Specular Electronic Reflection :

This is a response to the PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT filed June 30, 2004. The petition requests that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of May 4, 2004, for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on July 11, 2003 be withdrawn. The requester asserts that a timely response was filed on December 11, 2003.

DECISION

The instant request has been accepted as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) - no abandonment-in-fact. A review of the USPTO application file reveals that applicant's response was properly filed on December 11, 2003 in view of the fact that the originally filed papers have been located in the USPTO application file. Accordingly, applicants reply in the form of a two month extension of time, a Request for Continued Examination and request for entry of the after final amendment filed October 14, 2003, has been entered. The prior holding of abandonment is hereby vacated, and the application has been returned to pending status. The application shall be returned to the LIE for entering of the Request for Continued Examination. After such is completed, the case will be returned to the examiner for prompt consideration.

The Petition is GRANTED.

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